

please let me know through this column how these flowers are made? I have seen and much admired them.

"Alice," Mount Eden.

Put into a glass or china bowl about 5 or 6 small pieces of coal—smaller than an orange. Mix together the following, and pour it over the coal:—1 tablespoon Prussian Blue from the paint shop, 3 tablespoons household ammonia, 2 tablespoons common salt, 1 tablespoon red ink, 3 tablespoons cold water. Then put the bowl, with its contents, in a warm place to start the growth—on the mantel-shelf in the kitchen, perhaps, or on a sunny window ledge. To keep the "plant" alive, add one tablespoon of water and a teaspoon of salt mixed together, every second day. Pour same gently down inside the bowl. Colours may be varied by using violet, or blue, or green ink.

#### Satin Pram Covers

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I have just heard your call about the washing of satin pram covers. If white tailors' wadding is used, instead of cotton wool, the satin cover can be washed without any worry. I have washed mine twice, and people repeatedly ask me how I have kept it so beautifully. I have made several, too, for presents, and they have all been washed and are as good as new. Tailors' wadding can be bought at any drapers, and is very cheap, a yard would be more than enough for a cover. It is much easier to use, and is more compact.

"Constant Listener," Hamilton.

#### Butter for Britain

Dear Aunt Daisy,

Some months ago I heard you speak of sending butter to England, in flour, so I decided to try it too, and I was so thrilled when I received a letter from England saying that the parcel arrived and the butter was perfect. When I told my husband how I intended to send the butter, he agreed that it should be all right, as flour is very cold. He is a baker, and says that in the bakehouse the flour has to be taken from the store and left to stand for about a month in the bakehouse to be warmed up before being used.

"A Young Housekeeper."

#### Indelible Pencil Marks

Dear Aunt Daisy,

Could you advise me how to remove indelible pencil marks from a light fawn coloured coat? "Smudge."

The difficulty is to remove without spoiling the colour of the coat. There is almost sure to be a slight difference in the colour at the place where the mark was, even if the ink does come

out. However, try photographic hypo, which you can buy from the chemist. Dissolve about  $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. in a pint of water and soak the stains in it. The proper way to "soak" any stains is to put a piece of clean blotting paper (or even a folded towel) underneath the stained place, dip little balls of clean cotton-wool into the solvent, and dab the stains, not rubbing, which spreads them, but just mopping or dabbing, with successive clean pieces of cotton wool. Another thing you might try is trichlorethylene from the chemist. This worked well in getting out printers' ink from light grey trousers.

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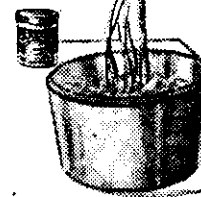
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